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# NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DAY

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Joint Resolution

July 3, 1986
[S.J. Res. 188]

To designate July 6, 1986, "National Air Traffic Control Day".

Whereas July 6, 1986, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment, by the United States Bureau of Air Commerce, of an airways traffic control system to assure adequate spacing between airplanes flying along established air routes and to prevent congestion at airports;

Whereas the volume of traffic using the United States Airspace System has increased one hundred eighty-fold from two hundred ninety-four thousand five hundred twenty-eight en route flight movements in 1938, to fifty-three million three hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty-one total air route traffic movements in 1983;

Whereas the safety, efficiency, and technical sophistication of the United States National Airspace System is now unparalleled in the world, and the preeminence of the United States in pioneering the technology of air traffic control is universally recognized, and emulated, by other nations throughout the world;

Whereas this Nation's civil and military air traffic control personnel daily guide unprecedented volumes of traffic safely and efficiently through the National Airspace System; and

Whereas in order to increase public awareness of the excellence and preeminence of the United States National Airspace System, and because the people of the United States desire to express their gratitude and respect to the pioneers of the technology of air traffic control, and the air traffic control personnel—past and present—who have dedicated their lives and careers to development, safety, and efficiency of the National Airspace System: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That July 6, 1986, is designated as "National Air Traffic Control Day". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and upon interested associations and organizations to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 3, 1986.

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